

WJZ-TV
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Station WJZ-TV, licensed to CBS Corporation, is responsive to the principal issues in its community of license, Baltimore, Maryland on a continuing basis. A variety of program elements, including regularly scheduled news and public affairs programming, reports on breaking news events, documentaries, specials, and public service announcements of concern to the community are included within our regular programming service. WJZ-TV's coverage of news stories, our employees' participation in community affairs, and regular interviews with community leaders have led to the determination that the issues listed are ones of importance to the Baltimore community. Our most significant programming, which dealt with current community issues during the preceding three-month period, are set forth in this report. WJZ-TV broadcasts both locally-produced and network programming. Although we include only local programs herein, WJZ-TV also broadcasts several network broadcasts including FACE THE NATION, 60 MINUTES, CBS REPORTS and 48 HOURS.

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CONSUMER WATCH

WJZ reporters cover consumer interest topics. These reports air in the 4pm, 5pm and 6pm newscasts.

HEALTHWATCH

WJZ's reporters discuss health issues and interviews experts and patients to deliver information on the latest advances in health for our 4pm, 5pm and 6pm newscasts.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Locally produced special reports, focusing on community issues, local lifestyle trends and local personality profiles. These air in the 4pm, 5pm, 6pm and 11pm newscasts.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS OUTREACH

Relevant projects launched by community organizations to benefit area residents.

ON TIME

A half-hour, Sunday morning public affairs program that airs at 6:30AM, focusing on leaders, issues and events, affecting the Baltimore community.

HEALTH

Eyewitness News

4/1 The H1N1 flu virus claims another life in Maryland.

4/2 Doctors are flip flopping on the safety of flip flops. New research finds the shoes, declared unsafe not too long ago, could be good for your knees.

4/5 In Healthwatch, a new study reveals women who aren't breastfeeding are costing America money and lives.

4/6 Researchers say teenagers can beat the effects of a common obesity-related gene.

4/7 In Healthwatch, a new study claims fruits and veggies may only provide some protection against cancer.

4/8 First comes the beauty of spring, then comes the beast. If you're allergic to pollen you are feeling your allergies earlier and harder than usual.

4/9 Lung cancer kills more than 100-thousand people in this country every year. But scientists are on the verge of a new test that can find the disease early enough to treat it.

4/11 For months health departments across the state worked non-stop to vaccinate thousands with the H1N1 flu shot. In tonight's Flu Watch report why city health workers are turning to churches to immunize more African Americans.

4/12 Young women who drink alcohol may put themselves at higher risk of developing breast disease that is known risk factor for cancer.

4/13 There's new research that links the type of food you eat to your risk of developing Alzheimer's disease.

4/14 Natural disasters are happening around the world... and nurses are being called in help. They're forced to make life and death decisions on the spot. To help prepare them Towson University's nurses experienced a life-like crisis today.

4/16 Eating more Vitamin B may lower a woman's chances of dying from stroke or heart disease.

4/19 Another drawback to cigarette smoking. A new study connects second hand smoke to chronic sinus disease.

4/20 The FDA is being asked to regulate the salt content in foods. The Institute of Medicine says the food industry hasn't done enough voluntarily to cut back.

4/21 Medical researchers say they may have found a link between hormone therapy and an increased risk of breast cancer.

4/22 In tonight's Healthwatch, Baltimore City has tried for years to rid old homes and buildings of lead paint. Now a new rule could cut the number of lead poisoning cases in Maryland.

4/23 The Vatican is teaming up with the University of Maryland School of Medicine for adult stem cell research.

4/24 The National Institutes of Health awarded St. Joseph's Medical Center's Cancer Institute a multi-million dollar grant.

4/25 Flu season may be almost over, but doctors are still warning thousands to get their seasonal and H1N1 flu shots.

4/26 Amerigroup Community Care in Baltimore donated 8000 dollars for pre-natal vitamins for women who can't afford them.

4/27 A new vaccine could use the body's own immune cells to stop cancer.

4/29 Players for the Baltimore Ravens are speaking out about the dangers of steroid use. They were in Timonium for the Playing Safe, Fair and Sober program sponsored by Saint Joseph Medical Center.

4/30 If your mother had severe morning sickness when pregnant, there's a good chance you could suffer the same ailment.

5/3 Today is Melanoma Monday, the official launch of skin cancer detection and prevention month. In Healthwatch, while many people understand the dangers of the sun they haven't changed their behaviors.

5/4 Actress Lynn Redgrave battled breast cancer for seven years before her death on Sunday. She documented her journey in a special book and traveled the country to share her story, including a memorable visit to the new Breast Center at St Joseph Medical Center in Towson.

5/5 In Healthwatch, obesity in pregnant women can translate to higher body fat in newborns.

5/7 In Healthwatch, the hidden dangers of 3-D. Avatar sparked the hi-tech trend in movies and TV but 3-D could have serious health risks.

5/10 Antacids are prescribed everyday for acid reflux and ulcer patients, but they could pose major risks.

5/11 Baltimore City introduced a new plan to get healthier food on the tables of city residents with the new Food Policy Task Force.

5/12 About 20 percent of adults suffer with irritable bowel syndrome and now researchers believe they have a way to control it.

5/13 The staff of Shock Trauma works the golden hour between injury and death, saving lives as few hospitals can... but that hour is getting very crowded.

5/14 New technology in Baltimore City could help EMT's save heart patients' lives.

5/15 As lawmakers debated the national health care bill, one Howard County group launched a large door to door campaign to boost coverage. The organization says face to face contact is the best way to reach those who need healthcare.

5/16 Today marks the start of a big effort to fight prostate cancer in the Baltimore area. It was the first of 11 Great Prostate Cancer Screenings.

5/17 Researchers make a critical link between pesticides and attention deficit disorder in children.

5/18 An alarming new report about brand name foods and sodas that come in a can. Researchers say they contain a harmful chemical linked to cancer, diabetes and other health problems.

5/19 A new state program hopes to make Maryland the healthiest state it can be. It will be a long term investment for businesses that participate, but the lawmakers say it will pay off for everyone.

5/20 As the number of children being diagnosed with autism continues to increase, some parents are turning to unconventional treatments.

5/21 Too often a trip to the emergency room leaves you sitting in the waiting room for hours and hours. St. Joseph Medical Center is promising to change all that.

5/22 In tonight's WJZ Healthwatch, a new and fun video game for kids with diabetes so they can test themselves.

5/24 In Healthwatch, many parents are spacing out their children's vaccines fearing that too many at once can be harmful.

5/25 A warning as we head into Memorial Day weekend and the official start of the beach season. One of the ingredients in your sunscreen could be more harmful than the sun itself.

5/26 Federal health officials are warning two popular weight loss pills may cause severe liver damage in rare cases.

5/28 A new device recently approved by the FDA is changing the lives of some people with severe hearing disabilities.

5/29 A new study finds an interesting way for premature babies to gain weight. Researchers discovered listening to Mozart reduced a baby's energy expenditure, allowing them to gain weight.

5/31 A vaccine to prevent breast cancer. It's shown overwhelmingly favorable results in animals and researchers believe it could also work in adult women.

6/1 Everyone from teenagers to body builders has heard protein drinks can boost fitness. But too much of a good thing can be dangerous.

6/2 Baltimore City has launched a new initiative to prevent infant deaths and promote healthy families.

6/3 Sesame Street has teamed up with United Healthcare to teach Baltimore area children how to eat healthy.

6/4 In Healthwatch, new advances mean good news for liver patients. With a new surgical technique, liver donors can cut their recovery time in half.

6/6 Today is "National Cancer Survivors Day" and hundreds of survivors came together in Baltimore to celebrate life after the disease.

6/7 In Healthwatch, a new drug is boosting the survival of patients with the deadliest form of skin cancer.

6/8 We all know being exposed to second hand smoke isn't good for you, but a new study finds it could also be bad for your mental health.

6/9 Could your height increase your chances of a heart attack? In Healthwatch, a new study finds short people are more likely to get an attack and die from it.

6/10 Doctors reported improvements in the treatment of nearly every form of cancer at a conference this week.

6/11 A new drug could change the way doctors treat patients with multiple sclerosis.

6/15 Fourteen kidney patients, including a woman from Mt Airy, get a new lease on life, thanks to the world's largest kidney exchange ever completed.

6/16 In Healthwatch, there's new evidence that Vitamin B-6 could reduce the risk of lung cancer.

6/17 A new morning after pill is now being back by the FDA, but some say it's too much like the abortion pill.

6/18 Baltimore City has new plans for dealing with the potential of dangerous heat this summer. City and health officials today announced they'll activate the code red heat alert program before 6AM on days of extreme heat and humidity.

6/19 There's a new plea from the Red Cross in Baltimore. One type of blood is in critically short supply.

6/21 A Maryland man plays an essential role in the world's largest paired kidney exchange. It turns out, a Mt Airy men held the key to all the surgeries but he didn't know it.

6/22 In Healthwatch, new federal rules are set to go into effect today, changing the way cigarettes are sold and marketed.

6/23 Researchers have just completed the world's largest study on the link between cell phone towers and childhood cancer and it's reassuring news for parents.

6/24 New concerns tonight over illegal fireworks in Maryland and it comes as the Fourth of July holiday approaches. The state fire marshal has a health warning tonight.

6/28 In Healthwatch, a test that predicts when a woman will go through menopause is being hailed as a possible tool to help women plan their families.

6/29 A new study reveals some troubling results about parents' attitudes toward childhood obesity.

6/30 Call it a crisis... call it an epidemic... whatever you call it, Marylanders' waists are getting bigger and doctors say the problem is serious.

ON TIME

April 4: Latania Tucker demonstrates several types of exercises that everyone can do to strengthen core muscles as well as exercises that work both arms and legs. She tells Kai Jackson that these exercises can be performed at home with little or no exercise equipment and are ideal for busy people with little time for exercising.

May 2: Kai Jackson talks with Dr. Wayne Scott Andersen about healthy eating and lifestyle changes. He discusses the need for portion control, eating natural foods vs processed foods and the danger of sodas with high fructose corn syrup that elevate blood sugar levels. Without lifestyle changes, Dr. Andersen says that diets won't succeed in keeping the pounds off.

May 2: Kidney disease disproportionately affects African Americans than other ethnic groups. George Kilbourne tells Kai Jackson about the programs of the Kidney Foundation and how other health factors like hypertension and diabetes affect kidneys. He discusses upcoming fundraisers that benefit the local non-profit organization.

May 9: Kai Jackson talks with clinical psychologist about how the stress from today's society with job pressures and job loss are affecting women's mental health. Dr. Saunders discusses methods everyone can use to decrease the effects of stress on the body.

May 9: The University of Maryland Marlene and Stewart Greenebaum Cancer Center is the beneficiary of the 2nd Annual Maryland Half Marathon. Michelle Turner, an oncology nurse at the center explained why she is fundraising and running in the 13.1 mile event. Michael Greenebaum, co-founder of the Maryland Half Marathon, explains how the funds from the race are being used to fund cutting edge research at the Greenebaum Center – named for his parents.

May 16: Jessica Moise, the cultural health initiatives director for the Power to End Stroke, tells Kai Jackson how a stroke is different than a heart attack and how it can be prevented by exercising and eating right. People with untreated high blood pressure have a greater chance to have a stroke as well as people who eat a diet high in fats. She discusses ways to lower your chance of having a stroke.

May 16: Telepsychiatry is a new program serving patients in rural Cecil County that need mental health services. Dr. Brian Grady and nurse Karen Osborne describe how the program works with patients in Cecil County talking with health care professionals located in Baltimore City. The county has a shortage of mental health professionals and the telepsychiatry program is a way to bridge that gap.

May 30: The Red Devils get their name from the red chemo drug given to breast cancer patients according to Jan Wilson, the executive director. She tells Kai Jackson how her organization helps women undergoing treatment by assisting with transportation to and from chemo treatments, in addition to several other services. Kimberly Haven discusses how The Red Devils helped her with house cleaning and delivering home cooked meals in addition to offering massages.

June 6: Kai Jackson talks with Robin Prothro, Komen Maryland Director, Yvette Changey, Breast Cancer Patient and Dr. Dawn Leonard, Medical Director about a type of breast cancer known as Triple Negative Breast Cancer. Dr. Leonard explains what Triple Negative Breast Cancer is, and how it's treated versus other types of breast cancer. Yvette Changey discusses her diagnosis of Triple Negative and her treatment regimen. Robin Prothro tells Kai Jackson how funding from the Race for the Cure is helping to fund research into this type of breast cancer which affects more African American women than other groups.

June 13: Laurie Amatucci, chair of the Baltimore Women's Classic, tells Kai Jackson how the race has changed over its 35 year span and now benefits GYN cancer programs around the state. This annual 5K is the second oldest women's race in the country.

EDUCATION

Eyewitness News

4/1 In the State House today, a committee is discussing allowing tax credits for businesses that make scholarship donations to private schools.

4/2 Morgan State University broke ground today for a new building where transportation, engineering and architecture students will work.

4/5 Nine teenagers in Massachusetts are charged with bullying a girl so severely, she killed herself. Now a Maryland school is taking unprecedented steps to fight bullying.

4/6 An East Baltimore school is recognized as one of the greenest schools in the country... so green that it's up for a \$15,000 award.

4/7 Students at one Baltimore City school get the lesson of a lifetime. They were invited to the White House to meet with First Lady Michelle Obama to talk about getting students to eat healthier.

4/8 More money is on the way for Baltimore city schools courtesy of federal lawmakers.

4/13 School officials will get their first look at a draft of the state's application for millions of dollars in federal grant money.

4/14 Millions of dollars slashed from city schools... it's a side effect of Baltimore's big budget problems. Parents fear the cuts could put students in danger.

4/15 Students from one Anne Arundel County school present a heartfelt gift for Harbor Hospital. Students from Brooklyn Park Middle School delivered homemade blankets to be used for the hospital's premature babies.

4/16 For the first time in five years, tuition is headed up at all University of Maryland system schools.

4/20 More changes for Catholic schools in Baltimore City. Today the archdiocese named a new elementary school. In tonight's school watch, we report how it fits into those controversial plans to shut down other schools.

4/23 It was more than just a walk in the park for some Baltimore City students today. They were working hard and getting an up close and personal lesson about the environment.

4/26 If your day is winding down at 11pm, imagine taking a college course in an hour. The midnight to three AM class is happening at some campuses across the country, including here in Maryland.

4/27 A Baltimore County high school student heads to Capitol Hill today to lobby for a cause that could improve life for many teens. She's asking Congress to support funding to fight teen pregnancy.

4/28 A young girl threatens to kill herself... pushed to the edge by constant bullying. Tonight the problem of bullying in city schools is in the spotlight.

4/29 Student behavior reports and parent letters circulated through Baltimore City schools over the past few months show the bullying problem has affected many students and even teachers.

4/30 The Towson University Dance Team has captured the 2010 NCAA Division One championship for the 12th time in a row!

5/2 School bullying is at the forefront for Baltimore City Schools after an elementary school student is tormented so brutally she threatened to hurt herself. Tonight we get the first reaction from the school CEO, Dr. Andres Alonzo.

5/5 Researchers at the University of Maryland are trying to make miniature submarines that actually swim like fish.

5/6 After closing several Catholic schools, the Baltimore Archdiocese promised to make its schools stronger with more competitive programs. In tonight's Schoolwatch report, Catholic school leaders hope parents will take note of a new program.

5/7 Baltimore County's teacher of the year was announced today at a special ceremony... and it's music to the ears of many.

5/10 Morgan State University agrees to a historic partnership with the United States Army.

5/11 An alarming trend on college campuses in Maryland and across the country. More and more students taking prescription drugs illegally to boost their grades but this so-called smart drug could put your life in danger.

5/12 The death of UVA lacrosse player and Cockeysville native Yeardeley Love still resonates across Maryland. Now, high school seniors at Maryvale Prep are using her story as a teaching tool.

5/13 The Baltimore Orioles, MASN and WJZ teamed up today for the third annual Weather Field Trip Day for thousands of school children to learn about the weather.

5/14 The person who takes care of your children could affect how they will perform in school. A study shows kids who get high quality childcare early on are less likely to act out and more likely to do well in school.

5/17 Top literary honors for a graduate at Washington College on the Eastern Shore who was awarded the 1020 Sophie Kerr Prize, one of the nation's largest undergraduate literary prizes.

5/18 Dozens of Baltimore elementary school children received the gift of good spelling today. In our Schoolwatch report, one group's lofty goal to get dictionaries to thousands of kids.

5/19 A Maryland teacher receives top honors from the Milken Foundation at a ceremony hailed as the Oscars of teaching. In tonight's Schoolwatch report, the Annapolis teacher is now \$25,000 richer.

5/20 Baltimore city test scores continue to rise. An independent exam shows Baltimore students are reading as well as other students across the country.

5/21 It's the end of an era for one of Baltimore's Catholic schools. Cardinal Gibbons is set to close for good in just a few days.

5/24 Bullying cases across the United States are driving several students to harm themselves. Today, there's a big push to stop the harassment here in Maryland.

5/26 Students helping students. A new program is ensuring Baltimore City school children have a healthy dinner.

5/27 A city school principal loses her job after an investigation shows she erased and changed answers on her students' tests.

5/28 It's "hats off" to the latest graduates of the Naval Academy in Annapolis. Today's festivities include a guest speaker from the White House.

5/30 A cheating scandal rocked Baltimore City schools this week and now the former principal is speaking out... denying she had any part in tampering with test results.

6/1 When schools close for the summer, many children are left without lunch. Every year Baltimore's food service program tries to change that by providing free meals all summer long.

6/2 From the first day at school students at Kipp Ujima Village School have one goal in mind... attend college. This week the charter school's first graduating class is months away from starting its first semester.

6/3 When the state went to build a new highway near Hampstead, it ran into a problem the size of your palm. The path ran right through the home of a threatened species of turtle... but now students are looking for a solution.

6/5 The push to end violence in Baltimore may begin with a small, single step. It's what students at Cristo Rey High School in East Baltimore believe.

6/9 In Schoolwatch, Baltimore teachers deserve more money, but they also should work longer hours. These are just a few recommendations in a new report out tonight.

6/10 Thirteen schools forced to close. In tonight's School Watch report, the Baltimore Archdiocese has a plan to strengthen those still open.

6/14 They've won five state championships in the last six years and we're not talking about an athletic team. Students at Eastern Technical High School in Essex are skilled auto technicians. This week they're on the road looking for a national title and some significant scholarship money.

6/15 Newsweek Magazine is out with its list of the best high schools in America. Ninety-eight Maryland schools are on the list this year, including half of all high schools in Baltimore County.

6/19 They're a source of debate and distraction... now the Prince George's County school board is banning cell phones during school hours.

ON TIME

April 4: Kai Jackson talks with Dr. Mary Crovo, Deputy Executive Director of the National Assessment Governing Board about the recent release of The Nation's Report Card for Mathematics. She discusses how this was the first time Baltimore City students were tested as part of the national program that examines 4th and 8th graders in large urban schools. Baltimore City's CEO, Dr. Andres Alonzo volunteered to have his students tested and over time, the program will track their progress in both math and English in 2 year blocks of time. On this report, Baltimore City was one of 7 new districts to participate and their ranking was in the middle to low out of all 18 participating districts.

April 18: Coppin State University is honoring civil rights pioneer, Dr. Dorothy Height, by establishing a social studies center in her honor. Dr. Avery, president of the university and Dr. Hayes, VP of institutional advancement, tell Kai Jackson about the upcoming tribute to Dr. Height, a former president of the Council of Negro Women.

June 20: Dr. York Bradshaw, the director of Coppin State University computer center, tells Kai Jackson how the new federal stimulus grant is being used to create and operate a new community computer lab. Both Coppin students and community residents will be able to use the computer lab. The lab will be open seven days a week. The Coppin Heights-Rosemont Community is one of the poorest city neighborhoods with few homes having access to a computer or internet.

June 6: Dr. Carla Hayden discusses the expanding role of the Enoch Pratt Free Library with several new programs including the virtual grocery shopping service that lets patrons in two neighborhoods order groceries online with delivery occurring the next day at the library. The two targeted areas do not have access to fresh vegetables and fruits expect through this program. She also discusses the summer reading program for both students and adults.

ARTS AND CULTURE

Eyewitness News

4/1 If you love flowers there's one place to be this weekend and that's Druid Hill Park for the Conservatory flower show.

4/2 It's been a holiday destination for Baltimoreans for generations... and once again chocolate lovers are flocking to Rheb's Candies for Easter.

4/3 A Baltimore boxer is getting ready for the biggest fight of his career. Tyrell Samuel could be called champion soon and is hoping to bring the title back to Baltimore.

4/4 To many people Easter isn't just a day full of candy and eggs, it's also a day of reflection and celebration. Many spent the morning in church.

4/5 A major milestone is reached today by one of Baltimore City's longest living citizens. A family and a neighborhood celebrate a unique life and a 100th birthday.

4/6 Outdoor clocks may be common enough, but there's only one Bromo Seltzer Tower, the most famous time piece in Baltimore and today's it's getting an upgrade.

4/7 It's crunch time at Camden Yards, as final preparations are underway to get Oriole Park ready for the opening day.

4/9 Oriole Park is buzzing as the Birds prepare to play their first game at home this season. Jessica has more on the opening day festivities.

4/11 Dozens gathered here in Baltimore tonight to mark Holocaust Memorial Day.

4/13 A competition in Texas is billed as the country's top intellectual tournament. The sport is chess and it's been dominated by the University of Maryland Baltimore County.

4/14 To keep up their strength for The Greatest Show on Earth elephants have to eat a hearty meal and what better place than the 27th annual elephant brunch at Lexington Market.

4/15 Mourning and sadness at the Baltimore headquarters of the NAACP as the group loses one of its former presidents. Civil rights leader Dr. Benjamin Hooks died this morning and members are celebrating his life and accomplishments.

4/16 Wine, food, music, arts and crafts and even bocce ball... it all happens Sunday at the annual Highlandtown Wine Festival.

4/17 The countdown to Preakness begins with a bittersweet opening day today at Pimlico where the ashes of former general manager Chick Lang were spread across the Baltimore track.

4/18 Friends with two legs and four stepped out in Druid Hill Park today. The Maryland SPCA held its 15th annual March for the Animals.

4/20 Early this morning, Dr. Dorothy Height passed away at the age of 98. Her death impacts many people, including college women here in Baltimore walking in her footsteps through the National Council of Negro Women.

4/22 The Phantom of the Opera is now thrilling audiences in Baltimore at the Hippodrome Theater and WJZ's Mary Bubala is the only reporter in town to speak with the Phantom.

4/23 It's a landmark on the boardwalk in Ocean City and this season Dolle's turns 100 years old.

4/24 It's been nearly 50 years since it was agreed upon that the US should have a large orbiting telescope. It took another 27 years to fund, build and launch the Hubble Space Telescope and now it's celebrating its 20th year in space.

4/26 A Baltimore county senior citizen has run so far he could have circled the earth twice. He's already completed 42 marathons and still has a few more to go.

4/27 Baltimore's newest tourist attraction will really let you feel the wind in your face this summer. The Seadog Three is a 70 foot speedboat with turbo charged engines prowling the Inner Harbor.

4/29 There's a buzz in Annapolis about what's going on at the Westin Hotel and the buzz is about bees. It was a brainstorm of the executive chef who wanted fresh honey on hand.

5/1 After being closed for 18 months Clyburn Arboretum is back open and is now even more environmentally friendly than before.

5/3 If you love interior design, you'll want to head to Pikesville starting this weekend. It's this year's Decorator Show House for the benefit of the Baltimore Symphony.

5/4 It was a coming out party at the Maryland Zoo in Baltimore for two handsome young warthogs.

5/5 A group of children from Iraq spent today playing baseball at the Cal Ripken Academy in Aberdeen. The Academy and the US State Department teamed up to fulfill the children's dreams.

5/7 If you've been doing the same thing for many, many years you may have thought about making a change. For one Baltimore man that means branching out from the courtroom to the kitchen. Meet a local attorney who's living his deli dreams.

5/10 Ravens quarterback Joe Flacco proved he can serve more than just touchdown passes. Tonight he and several teammates tried out new gigs as waiters to raise money for local schools.

5/11 Preakness celebration week continues with the Pee Wee Preakness, a race tailored for Maryland's junior jockeys in Federal Hill Park.

5/12 One of the stars of the hit Baltimore based show “The Wire” is reaching out to women in the community.

5/13 Black eyed Susan Friday at Pimlico will be colored pink tomorrow. For the first time ever in the history of racing, champion female jockeys are coming out of retirement to race... for a cure.

5/14 Thousands will make the drive from Baltimore “down the ocean” this summer. But this week a very special group from the National Aquarium made the trip to release a seal back into the wild.

5/15 Windy conditions here in Baltimore had the ladies holding onto their hats at the 135th Preakness Stakes. Fans flocked to Pimlico today for the second jewel of horse racing’s triple crown.

5/17 Direct from Charm City, Mo’nique is taking Hollywood by storm after her powerful performance in Precious propelled her into the spotlight. Mo’nique reveals to Vic Carter what matters even more than fame and fortune and how Baltimore got her where she is today.

5/19 Train travelers coming into Baltimore are treated to a view some say could taint their image of our city. The Greater Baltimore Committee is hoping to smooth over our rough edges.

5/20 If you live in the Baltimore area you’ve probably been to Lenny’s Deli. The popular Owings Mills landmark plans a big celebration this weekend to mark 25 years of success.

5/24 For 70 years Naval Academy freshmen have been climbing to the top of a grease-covered 21 foot tall statue on campus but things are a little different this year. The Herndon Climb may soon be slipping into the history books as grease is eliminated from the obelisk.

5/25 A pioneer in the Baltimore African American business community is being remembered tonight. Founder of Parks Sausage, Ray Haysbert, who died today, spent his life helping minorities succeed in business and politics.

5/26 Our good friend and former colleague Dick Gelfman took to the mound at Camden Yards tonight throw out the ceremonial first pitch prior to the Orioles game. It was all to promote the upcoming Ride Across Maryland to raise money for breast cancer research.

5/27 Between the economy and new ways to spend free time, fishing in Maryland is not as popular as it once was. The state is once again baiting anglers with cash in the Diamond Jim tournament.

5/28 This weekend is the unofficial start of summer with many Marylanders preparing to head to Ocean City beaches for the Memorial Day holiday.

5/29 While many people get out of town for the holiday weekend, tens of thousands of people made Baltimore their destination for the NCAA lacrosse tournament at M & T Bank Stadium.

5/30 A sweet boardwalk treat turns 100 this year. Workers at Dolles Salt Water Taffy plan to celebrate this Memorial Day weekend.

5/31 Memorial Day weekend also means thousands flock to Ocean City... and the beach patrol is ready.

6/1 The University of Maryland women’s lacrosse team brings the NCAA championship back to College Park for the first time in nearly a decade. The campus is still celebrating the hard fought victory.

6/4 It was started 17 years ago by a young Baltimore man who had an idea and now it’s thrilling audiences around the world. The Universoul Circus is back in town.

6/7 The National Aquarium in Baltimore is on standby to receive animals injured by the oil spill in the Gulf.

6/8 Do you have Bieber fever? It’s about to hit Baltimore County big time. Teen singing sensation Justin Bieber will be performing at the Maryland State Fair.

6/10 The Orioles and Yankees series rekindles mixed emotions for native Baltimorean and former Yankee Daryl Smith... who despite challenges made his childhood baseball dreams come true.

6/11 Excitement about World Cup soccer is spreading across Maryland as the month long competition begins. Events and businesses hope to capitalize on FIFA fever.

6/12 A Harford County father makes a life-long vow and joins his son in the priesthood. They're now the first father and son priests in Baltimore history.

6/13 It was a weekend filled with beehives and pink flamingos as Hons took over Bawlmer at Hampden Fest.

6/14 While most businesses are continuing to struggle in this tough economy, one industry is surging in Baltimore -the cruise ship industry with Royal Caribbean pulling into port.

6/15 Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Michael Vick makes another visit to Maryland, again talking to children at an area school about the cruelty of dog fighting.

6/16 A multi-million dollar improvement project is getting underway at the Baltimore Museum of Art.

6/18 There was some big traffic at the Port of Baltimore today as Royal Caribbean's Enchantment of the Seas sailed into its new home port.

6/19 With summer weather here camping sites are getting ready for an influx of kids. Dozens of volunteers helped out a Girl Scout camp in Howard County today, sprucing up their site for thousands of girls.

6/20 The next time you dine out, you may be surprised where your food comes from. A growing trend has chefs running kitchens and farms.

6/21 If you've watched WJZ's Manic Monday over the years you've seen a lot of different presentations of the song but this morning a group made history. It was a signature performance in Fells Point as the song was signed by members of the deaf community..

6/22 A summer camp at Huber Memorial Church on York Road is a little bit different. The campers and their grand master teacher have all the right moves in a chess camp.

6/25 A Hollywood legend was in Baltimore today. The mayor introduced Robert Redford today to talk about the importance of art in America and advancing its role in society.

6/28 An instinct to herd other animals has made the Border Collie one hard working dog. Fine tuning that instinct is creating a growing franchise in Maryland in the geese police business.

6/30 The "Smith Island Cake" may be Maryland's official state dessert, but it's also one of the nation's 50 fattiest foods.

ON TIME

April 18: Associate Artist E. Faye Butler tells Kai Jackson about playing the title character in the new August Wilson play, Ma Rainey's Black Bottom, now at Center Stage. She discusses the role of the Blues in this play as well as the inspiration behind the playwright's work.

April 25: Henri Matisse called Paul Cezanne the "father of us all" and in a new exhibition at the Baltimore Museum of Art, Cezanne's influence over other artists can be seen. BMA curator Katy Rothkopf tells Kai Jackson how this exhibition pairs Cezanne's works with modern American artists and allows the viewers to see the connection between the paintings and photographs.

April 25: Art with a Heart is a 10 year old program that offers a creative outlet, free of charge, to the city's vulnerable populations – homeless families, senior citizens and disabled adults. Founder Randi Pupkin tells Kai Jackson how some of their students are able to create works of art that is sold at the city's annual Artscape.

May 9: BSO Music Director Marin Alsop tells Kai Jackson about the final concerts of the symphony's season that feature renowned pianist Andre Watts and soprano Janice Chandler-Eteme. She discusses the composers – Beethoven, Barber, Bartok and Brahms – and their real-world inspiration behind their compositions.

May 23: Kai Jackson talks with Rhodes Scholar Wes Moore about his book, "The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates." Author Wes Moore tells Kai Jackson about meeting the other Wes Moore who is serving a life sentence for his role in the killing of off-duty police sergeant Bruce Prothro. The book compares the lives of the two Wes Moore's and the factors that lead to one becoming a Rhodes Scholar while the other committed numerous crimes before landing behind bars in Jessup.

June 13: Kai Jackson talks with Dr. David Taft Terry, director of the Reginald F. Lewis Museum about a new exhibition, Beyond Swastika and Jim Crow, and how Jewish Refugee Scholars from Germany and African American students attending the Historically Black College and Universities in the 1940's-1950's were able to relate to one another.

June 20: Baltimore County's former executive, Ted Venetoulis, has written a new book, Hail to the Cheat. He tells Kai Jackson what motivated him to write his first novel about political scandal in the White House.

June 27: Carolyn Mattocks tells Don Scott that her new book, "I Can Do Anything" is geared to young people to help expose them to a variety of career options. She discusses how many young people have limited knowledge of career choices and the path needed to lead them in the direction of those careers.

COMMUNITY

Eyewitness News

4/1 It's deadline day for getting your census in the mail and with less than 12 hours to go some city residents are rushing to get them in.

4/2 Demonstrators rally at a popular Baltimore County skating rink. Owners say a permit dispute threatens to close their doors for good.

4/3 You may notice something new this weekend on the side of Federal Hill a huge Under Armour logo. The city is responsible for painting it and that has some residents angry with the commercialization of the public site overlooking the Inner Harbor.

4/4 An old-school Easter tradition returns to the streets of Baltimore today. After a 20-year absence, the Pennsylvania Avenue Easter parade is back.

4/5 The 2010 baseball season is just beginning. Here in Baltimore for more than half a century, 85 year old Ernie Tyler has been part of the Orioles. But this year, he's preparing to step away from his job near the dugout and take on a new role at Camden Yards.

4/6 The Orioles kick off their season tonight and then have their home opener on Friday. Tonight we look at preparations underway for the big day at Camden Yards.

4/7 An annual report is out with some good news about the Chesapeake. It's a bit of a silver lining in what is still a very cloudy future.

4/8 Some Waverly residents are angry tonight because one of their neighbors has been locked up in prison for months over a business dispute.

4/12 The death last week of a bicyclist in Baltimore County is giving new emphasis to legislation that would make more room for cyclists on the road.

4/13 It's a big day for the Patterson Park branch of the Enoch Pratt Free Library. The library is celebrating its 100th birthday.

4/14 Speeding through highway work zones is not only illegal, it's deadly. In the past decade, 12 people in Maryland work zones have been killed. Today the state put forward two messages, one to tug at your heartstrings, the other on your wallet.

4/15 In Baltimore mobile food trucks are becoming all the rave. Some savvy local business people are driving food right to your neighborhood.

4/16 Baltimore City's fight against blight lands another blow today. Heavy equipment plowed through the 1900 block of Perlman Place, considered the worse block in Baltimore.

4/17 The idea of spring cleaning is ancient... a time during the first warm days of the year to get your house in order inside and out. Today Baltimore encouraged 4000 volunteers in 200 communities to do just that.

4/18 Some Baltimore retailers are celebrating the end of tax season with a tax free retail week.

4/19 Lace up those sneakers and help fund autism research. A special fundraiser this weekend will help Baltimore's Kennedy Krieger Institute.

4/20 Plenty of seafood is served up around the Inner Harbor, but it wasn't caught there. That might change, along with water clean enough to go swimming in. What might seem like a dream to some, seems possible to others.

4/21 A popular, but controversial Baltimore County skating rink will be allowed to stay open.

4/22 People around the world helped the environment today, celebrating Earth Day's 40th anniversary. Here in Baltimore dozens of kids beautified the gardens at Camden Yards.

4/24 An East Baltimore community is benefiting from one company's national day of service. Volunteers cleaned up one of the city's oldest Catholic schools.

4/25 More than one thousand people converged on Oregon Ridge Park this weekend to raise money for Autism research.

4/25 She was called the Godmother of the civil rights movement. Last week activist Dorothy Height died and now students at one of Maryland's historically black universities are paying their respects.

4/26 Music, food and an art auction, it's all part of a major fundraiser this weekend to benefit Coppin State University students who want a career in nursing.

4/27 A survey of Maryland streams is turning up more alien invaders and this time it's crayfish. They're going claw to claw with native species.

4/28 Ten weeks is all it's taken for a new recycling program to catch on and take off in Baltimore County.

4/30 The MTA is looking at changing course on the proposed Red Line transit line through Baltimore City.

5/1 It couldn't have been a nicer Saturday for outdoor events around the area, including the annual Towsontown Spring Festival.

5/2 A sign of summer in Baltimore City today the Farmer's Market opened this morning bringing fresh produce from local farms to city residents.

5/3 Some of the country's hottest public figures could create one big traffic jam in downtown Baltimore tomorrow. They're part of the Get Motivated business seminar at the First Mariner Arena.

5/5 Baltimore, you can start your engines. Indy car racing is coming to Charm City's streets.

5/6 Four days, 150 movies... grab the popcorn the 12th annual Maryland Film Festival gets underway tonight.

5/7 It's been a Baltimore tradition for more than 90 years and today the Flower Mart is in full swing.

5/8 Thousands will support cancer research with their feet when they run the Maryland Half Marathon later this month. It's on a fast track to become Baltimore County's largest marathon.

5/9 Thousands of motorcyclists took to the road today on a journey to remember. It's a Mother's Day event that honors fallen police officers.

5/10 The middle branch of the Patapsco River is an area that's long been neglected but now the National Aquarium and the City are working to reclaim this important part of Baltimore's waterfront.

5/11 From fruits and vegetables to sauces and soups, you'll find it all downtown in a park across from the University of Maryland Medical Center at Baltimore's newest farmers' market.

5/12 Baltimore City's big budget deficit had threatened to cancel the Fourth of July fireworks show, but today a new partnership is stepping up to save the annual tradition.

5/13 Dozens come out to learn how to make their businesses greener in the middle of a tough economy.

5/17 Cleaning up the waterways that flow into the bay is critical to saving the Chesapeake. It doesn't take high science to pull it off.

5/18 If you enjoy consignment shopping you'll want to head to a new women's store in Roland Park. It's getting ready for a big sample sale and it's all for the benefit of Johns Hopkins Hospital.

5/19 A Baltimore City park once posed a deadly risk - arsenic contamination. Now Swann Park is set to reopen after the chemicals were removed. It's taken 3 years and 6 million dollars... now after cleaning up decades of pollution, Swann Park in South Baltimore is once again open.

5/20 Right now an amber alert goes out to the public when a child is abducted, missing and in danger... now there will be a blue alert when an officer has been seriously wounded or killed.

5/21 Baltimore is kicking its way into the world spotlight again... International soccer powerhouses, Manchester City and Inter-Milan will duel it out right here at M and T Bank Stadium.

5/23 The Maryland Half Marathon is the fastest growing race in Baltimore County. The event today is part of WJZ's continuing community commitment.

5/24 Three area animal shelters are participating in the Baltimore 500, hoping to have 500 cats adopted before the end of the month. Workers say they need your help in this last push.

5/25 Five years before Harborplace opened downtown, tall sailing ships slid into the Inner Harbor to cheering crowds. Sail Baltimore was born and its 35th summer season is now underway.

5/26 It's Commissioning Week at the US Naval Academy with major events leading up to graduation. Today the event took to the sky in the form of the Blue Angels.

5/27 It's an unlikely place for a garden but what's growing there will help the city's hungry. For the second year you can see the harvest outside City Hall.

5/29 The Elkridge Young Marines spent their Saturday preparing for Memorial Day. They got up early to place 3500 American flags on the graves of veterans at Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens.

6/3 The problems plaguing the Chesapeake are not as dramatic as the spill in the gulf but it is still a bay in serious trouble. Those responsible for cleaning it up met today in Baltimore.

6/4 WJZ, MASN and the Baltimore Orioles are teaming up to feed the hungry at this weekend's Oriole's home stand against the Boston Red Sox. Baseball fans are encouraged to bring canned goods or make cash donations at the ballpark.

6/5 More than a thousand motorcyclists are making their way "down the ocean" this weekend as part of Dick Gelfman's Ride Across Maryland that raises money for breast cancer research.

6/7 At five million square feet, the Westport Waterfront will rival Harbor East as one of Baltimore's largest developments.

6/11 A new lease on life for the silver screen at the Senator Theater. The Baltimore landmark hopes to be back in the first run movie business as soon as next month.

6/12 Baltimore's Inner Harbor collects at least at least 5 tons of garbage each month. Now the "Trash-busters" are trying to reduce that.

6/13 More than 100 Maryland National Guardsmen received a warrior's welcome this weekend... as they returned home from Iraq.

6/14 Top honors for a special rescue team that focuses on swift water rescues in Baltimore County. The award is for teamwork, training and safety under extreme conditions.

6/16 A Catonsville salon is collecting hair to send to the Gulf of Mexico in hopes it will absorb some of the oil spill.

6/17 Alex Demetrick reports on why the gulf oil spill has people worried about the Chesapeake Bay.

6/19 After several years of anticipation, Maryland's largest immigration organization, Casa de Maryland opens its new headquarters today.

6/20 Several "Unsung Heroes" are honored for improving the Baltimore community. "Sisters Saving the City" celebrated ten men who put their time into mentoring programs for city youth.

6/25 The Orioles and the Washington Nationals are making a new push to keep our waters healthy. MASN is launching a new campaign with the teams to save the Chesapeake Bay.

6/27 Women from all over Maryland laced up their sneakers despite the heat today. The Baltimore Women's Classic 5-K Race got underway this morning, dedicated to promoting health and fitness among women.

6/28 Unemployment benefits are running out for people across the country, loading on the pressure to find work... but a career fair is setting up shop right here in Maryland.

6/29 Two Maryland bay front parks are getting money to spruce up.

6/30 Cal Ripken Sr. loved to teach kids to play ball including his two son and now Billy and Cal, Jr are making sure their dad's legacy is all about bringing the game to where it's needed the most.

ON TIME

April 11: Kai Jackson talks with Congressman Elijah Cummings about unemployment in Maryland. The congressman discusses his upcoming job fair with employers who are prepared to hire from the jobseekers who come to the event. He discusses what areas have the potential for job growth in Maryland.

April 11: Rebuilding Together Baltimore has expanded their program to year-round where seniors and the disabled can get assistance in fixing their homes to make them energy efficient and livable. Bonnie Bessor and Donella Johnson tell Kai Jackson about their one day event that targets two depressed neighborhoods that will get a massive face-lift.

April 11: Pregnant teenage girls are being helped through Tamar's House 4 Teen Moms. Rev. Tracey Victor-Butler tells Kai Jackson why she started the program and how it was started after a story in the Bible. She discusses the types of programs she offers to girls in need.

April 18: Ellen Yankellow, one of the Girl Scouts of Central Maryland's Distinguished Women in Leadership Awards honorees tells Kai Jackson about the mentorship component to this event. Individual Girl Scouts get to shadow the honorees and learn about their organization before introducing them at the awards banquet.

April 25: Kai Jackson talks with Sherrilyn A. Ifill, a civil rights law professor about her book, "On the Courthouse Law: Confronting Lynching in the Twenty-First Century." She discusses two prominent lynchings that occurred on Maryland's Eastern Shore and the ramifications of these horrific acts almost 70 years later. She discusses how reparations might address these past acts of racial terrorism and why its time to repair the past.

May 2: Just Advice is a program offered by the University of Maryland School of Law to address the need for legal help for many who do not qualify for legal aid or help from a public defender. Leigh Maddox and Kat Hyland tell Kai Jackson how the program works with pro-bono lawyers providing a blueprint on how to address various legal problems. Law students get first hand experience in sorting through real life legal issues.

May 16: Enterprise Community Partners is comprised of components that create affordable home ownership, green homes and the Enterprise Women's Network. Created by Columbia developer James Rouse as a means to eliminate poverty through affordable housing and community development, Enterprise has many programs in Baltimore – from the redevelopment of Sandtown Winchester to financing for affordable senior living at Stadium Place. Chickie Grayson and Patricia Tunstall tell Kai Jackson how their programs are improving lives for the very poorest of Baltimore's families.

May 23: The Pimlico community is soon to have their own Farmers Market with fresh vegetables, fruit and the catch of the day fish. Organizer Tom Saunders tells Kai Jackson that this market to be held at the Pimlico Racetrack on Wednesdays from June to November will accept government assistance cards for payment. This area does not have access to fresh products making it a nutritional desert until now.

May 30: Kai Jackson talks with Baltimore City Council President Bernard "Jack" Young about the \$121 million budget crisis. President Young discusses how the city got into the budget shortfall and what is being considered to address the shortage. He also explains how the city is facing \$65 million in police and fire pension costs and how this problem has not been addressed until now.

May 30: Deborah Flateman, the executive director of the Maryland Food Bank discusses how challenging it is to feed the state's hungry now that traditional sources of wholesale food are dwindling. She tells Kai Jackson about the upcoming food drive at Oriole Park and the virtual online food drive.

June 13: The Knights of Valor is a chess mentoring program for young students. Ken Tabron, the director and Joshua Edmonds, one of the participants, tell Kai Jackson how the lesson learned in playing chess relates to the real world.

June 13: LaRian Finney, chairman of the African American Heritage Festival, tells Kai Jackson about the headline entertainment at this year's event. He discusses the purpose of the festival and how participants can take advantage of free health screenings.

June 27: Don Scott, filling in for Kai Jackson, talks with chef John Johnson about the Anne Arundel Community College's HCAT program and their recent burger contest. Chef Johnson demonstrates how to make a delicious burger using porcini mushrooms and pineapple.

June 27: Baltimore City Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake announced that due to budget cuts, the city's annual July 4th celebration was one of several events that would be cancelled. Ports America Chesapeake, the sponsor of the city's New Year's Eve celebration, stepped in to sponsor the annual summer fireworks according to Mark Montgomery, the VP of East Coast Operations. He tells Don Scott that these events along with their work with the Maritime Industries Academy and heart disease are their major community initiatives.

CONSUMER

Eyewitness News

4/1 Help for children is on the way... Baltimore Congressman Elijah Cummings says better dental care for kids will be part of the new health care reform plan.

4/2 Plans for a slots facility at Arundel Mills Mall are halted while a judge considers a challenge to the application process.

4/3 As spring appears, Baltimore county police say burglars will too. It's a crime trend detectives have seen over the years. Police are asking homeowners to be on guard.

4/4 As the city of Baltimore faces massive budget cuts, people are split over plans to spend millions of city and state tax dollars fixing up an old mansion... but city leaders are defending the project.

4/5 Money set aside in 2007 to help clean up the bay is being cut back due to the economic situation faced by the state government.

4/8 Maryland lawmakers are one step closer to banning the use of hand-held cell phones while driving.

4/9 Major Maryland scam - hundreds of checks are being use to bait residents into dishing out money. They look like official checks from the state of Maryland, but they're 100 percent fake.

4/10 There's a race to collect census forms here in Baltimore. The city is behind the rest of the state.

4/12 Mayor Rawlings Blake unveiled her plan to help balance the city's budget today. She wants to add fees and raise some taxes, but says it could help save jobs previously targeted to be eliminated.

4/13 Baltimore will get more than two million dollars in federal disaster funds for December's massive snowstorm.

4/14 It meant lost incomes for watermen and packing houses, but that pain from tougher regulations is bringing big gains for crabs in the Chesapeake. Blue crab numbers are up by an astonishing 60 percent.

4/15 It's tax day across the country but this year, it's not just about paying taxes on time, it's about protesting them as well. One of those protests took place in Towson.

4/16 Good news on the employment front in Maryland. Employers added more than 35,000 jobs last month.

4/18 As Marylanders start thinking about summer vacations, many of them are getting some help at a travel expo.

4/19 While the state's unemployment rate seems locked at nearly eight percent, hundreds of people looking for work attended a job fair today.

4/20 A new tool to fight bio-terrorism is being tested and it could save lives by saving crucial time. It's already won the invention of the year where it was developed at the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab.

4/21 It turns out going green is too expensive for Ocean City. Lawmakers have announced they're canceling their recycling program.

4/22 Just in time for Earth Day, Maryland has launched its Cash for Appliances rebate program.

4/23 It could cost less for BGE customers to keep their homes cool this summer. The utility says electric rates should drop by 6 to 9 percent this summer compared to last.

4/26 Starting tomorrow, Maryland's comptroller's office will place ads in 30 newspapers throughout the state to help people connect with the unclaimed property and funds. You could have a small fortune waiting for you and not even know it. The state comptroller's office has 900 million dollars in unclaimed property.

4/27 A new report shows Maryland ranks among the worst in the nation when it comes to mortgage fraud.

4/28 Just as the warmer weather approaches, BGE is trying to make it easier for you to pay your bill by encouraging limited income customers to participate in the energy assistance program.

4/30 More than one thousand job seekers turned out for the Keep America Working Tour in Baltimore County.

5/1 The Census Bureau's 2010 mail in campaign is over, now starts the door to door count. Baltimore once lagged behind many other cities but now it's ahead.

5/4 Baltimoreans may have to dig a little deeper into their pockets for a bottle of soda. A city council committee has approved a four cent tax increase on bottled drinks.

5/5 Baltimore City water customers, brace yourself for higher bills.

5/6 The Baltimore Visitors Center hopes you'll spend the weekend downtown. It's the Baltimore Happiness for Less event and it can save you even more money this year.

5/7 Maryland spent millions cleaning up the snowstorms of 2010 and now the state is getting some financial help from the federal government.

5/8 On the heels of a mixed jobs report, some people are demanding a new federal jobs creation program similar to the Works Progress Administration during the Great Depression. Protesters from Maryland and around the country descended on Washington DC to make their message known.

5/9 The first ever Maryland Solar and Wind Expo hit the Timonium State Fairgrounds this weekend. It's becoming more accessible to use nature to fuel your lifestyle.

5/11 Baltimore is the number one port on the US when it comes to shipping cars and heavy equipment. Now extra steps are being taken to be sure that business stays right here.

5/13 There's nothing charming about driving in Charm City. The people at insurance.com named Baltimore the most dangerous city in the nation for drivers.

5/14 A bridge over Liberty Road is now set for replacement. Besides improving safety, the work is also going to generate 200 jobs.

5/15 Car accidents are the leading cause of death among 15 to 20 year olds and today there was a new push to keep them safe. A local company is educating young drivers about the dangers of the road.

5/16 One cruise line is about to offer more trips from Baltimore. Celebrity just announced a new ship will come to Maryland for winter cruises starting in 2011.

5/17 As Maryland tries to creep out of a recession, the unemployed continue to look for jobs. Today Congressman Dutch Ruppersberger teams up with a national company to put some Marylanders back to work.

5/18 College comes to an end for thousands of graduating seniors this month and both students and their parents are worried about the next step, finding a job. But the job market is better than you would expect.

5/19 Police and fire unions are fighting back over massive changes to their pensions aimed at stopping a financial crisis for Baltimore City.

5/21 Encouraging news on the jobless rate in Maryland. The state's unemployment rate improved slightly in April according to the US Department of Labor.

5/23 Environmental agencies are at war with a destructive Chinese beetle. The battle ground is Prince George's County.

5/24 Southwest Airlines is kicking off new service between BWI Marshall and Panama City, Florida and the airlines held a beach party downtown with several surprise getaways.

5/25 Construction on Maryland's first casino is underway and it's supporting hundreds of jobs in the process.

5/26 Maryland roads will be filled this Memorial Day holiday with plenty of travelers. AAA and the Maryland Transportation Authority estimate there will be a 2% increase in the number of vehicles on the road over last year.

5/27 At any amusement park, street fair or backyard birthday party, there's a good chance you'll find an inflatable ride. They can be lots of fun for your kids but they can also be very dangerous.

5/29 Gas prices are lower than this same time last year and that's helping fuel the tourism industry. Ocean City hotels are booking up fast.

6/1 Over the next month you will need twice as many quarters to park at a city meter in Baltimore's most popular neighborhoods and the fee at garages could also go up.

6/2 Jobs in jeopardy. Three fire houses and 600 city workers are threatened by one of the biggest budget shortfalls in Baltimore history.

6/3 Million dollar waterfront homes on sale some 75 percent off. It sounds too good to be true but tough economic times in the real estate market are forcing the auction of 11 town homes on Baltimore's Inner Harbor.

6/4 President Obama stops at a Maryland business to talk about the nation's unemployment rate.

6/5 Do you like where you work? If not, you might want to apply to Johns Hopkins Hospital just ranked among the best places to work in the country.

6/6 There is a new threat this season for Maryland's pine trees -one that could destroy many trees if it's not kept under control. The Maryland Department of Agriculture wants to alert you to the problem.

6/7 Reducing traffic congestion is just one of the aims of a free shuttle bus service that's already a big hit in the city. The Charm City Circulator's second route is now on the roads.

6/9 Taking a shower and flushing your toilet just got more expensive in Baltimore City. Today city leaders approved a big hike in water and sewer rates.

6/11 On the Eastern Shore, a small silver lining from the oil spill in the Gulf. The uncertainty in the Gulf appears to be benefiting Maryland's beach towns.

6/12 Maryland license plates get a new look. Today state officials unveiled the new license plates that will become standard on all Maryland vehicles starting Monday.

6/13 It's Johns Hopkins to the rescue. The university and hospital are giving Baltimore more than 10 million dollars to help close the city's budget gap.

6/15 New developments in the debate over a controversial beverage tax in Baltimore. If it doesn't pass, the mayor's office says it will slash funding for some programs designed to keep the city clean.

6/16 Add more taxes or make more cuts... that's the message today from Mayor Stephanie Rawlings Blake as she pushes for the city council to pass a controversial bottle tax.

6/17 You may have noticed fewer cars on the road today. It's the fifth annual dump the pump day in which MTA is urging drivers to take public transportation. The trend to hop on is growing.

6/18 The controversial bottle tax fails to win enough support from city council. The fallout includes looming cuts and layoffs.

6/20 As we get closer to the holiday travel weekend, there's a jump in gas prices in Maryland.

6/22 Some say upgrading BGE Smart Meters is a good way to help customers save money but state regulators don't see it that way.

6/23 Another change in light rail service is on the horizon. This one addresses a complaint riders have had since the system was built... and could help spruce up a struggling section of Baltimore.

6/24 If you're treated at a Maryland hospital, you could soon notice a hike in your bill.

6/25 In Consumer Watch a local food recall, A Jessup based company is recalling more than 67 thousand bags of spinach after several tested positive for a harmful bacteria.

6/26 If you live in Baltimore County, you'll soon have to pay more for water. The increase comes on the heels of a rate hike in the city.

6/27 If you ride the DC Metro, bring extra change. Fares are going up.

6/28 Less than two weeks after the closing the ESPN Zone, the Inner Harbor is getting a new restaurant just a few doors away. It a place with attitude that's bringing a lot of new jobs to Charm City.

6/29 Million dollar homes selling for roughly half the price. It's a great deal for some, but could it hurt homeowners who bought at Harborview at higher prices?

6/30 In the midst of a fiscal crisis, some Baltimore city employees are doubling their salary with overtime. After massive budget cuts, Mayor Stephanie Rawlings Blake is defending those big pay checks.

ON TIME

April 4: Richard Anderson tells Kai Jackson how residential customers can sign up for an Energy Coop and save money on their heating bills. Consumers are able to join a coop that in turn uses its large purchasing power to obtain lower costs for energy. He tells Kai Jackson why coops can be a smart alternative when people are pinching pennies.